

APPLYING FOR A TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT VISA (H, L, O, P, Q, R)

Temporary worker visas are for persons who want to enter the United States for employment lasting a fixed period of time, and are not considered permanent or indefinite. Each of these visas requires the prospective employer to first file a petition with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). An approved petition is required to apply for a work visa.

For more information about the petition process, eligibility requirements by visa category, and numerical limits, if applicable, see [Temporary Employment Visas](#), [Working in the U.S.](#) and [Temporary \(Nonimmigrant\) Workers](#) on the USCIS website. Once the petition is approved, USCIS will send your prospective employer a Notice of Action, Form I-797.

You will need to provide the receipt number that is printed on your approved Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker, Form I-129, or Notice of Action, Form I-797, to schedule an interview.

HOW TO APPLY:

- 1) Obtain an approved I-797 or I-129
- 2) Prepare for your interview. Collect the following documents to submit during your interview.
 - Original I-797
 - Kosovo Police clearance
 - Kosovo court clearance; (and full court records of any criminal case, translated into English)
 - A passport valid for at least six months beyond the period of stay in the United States and with at least one blank page.
 - One color passport photograph. Please follow photo requirements carefully. Photos taken by cell phone, of poor quality, with colored background, or otherwise not meeting acceptable standards will result in a delay in visa processing.
 - Evidence to show sufficient funds to cover all expenses while in the United States.
 - All visa applicants, except H-1B and L, will need to show proof of compelling ties to your home country to demonstrate your intent to return after your temporary stay in the United States. Examples of compelling ties include: A residence abroad which you do not intend to abandon, your family relationships, your economic situation, and your long term plans.
 - Documents related to the temporary work, such as: employment contract, evidence of prior relevant experience, qualifications for the position, etc.
 - DS-160 Confirmation page(s). Complete and submit an electronic visa application form DS-160 for each person traveling.

- MRV fee should be paid in cash (Dollars or Euro, but not a combination of currencies) at the Consular Section on the date of interview. Select All Fees to learn more.
- L Visa Applicants – If you are included in an L blanket petition, you must bring Form I-129S, Nonimmigrant Petition Based on Blanket L Petition. You must also pay the Fraud Prevention and Detection fee and may need to pay the Border Security Act fee.
- Renewal applicants – Please bring evidence of your prior wages/payments in the United States (last 6 weeks paystubs and most recent W-2s), evidence of continued employment, or for performers evidence of prior performances in the United States and abroad.

3) H-1B, H-2A, and H-2B Applicants: Read about [Legal Rights and Protections](#).

4) [Click here to schedule your interview appointment](#). Apply well in advance of your intended travel date as processing times vary and cannot be predicted in advance.


You will receive a response in 2 business days with a future appointment date and time. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment time in order to pass security screening.

Reminders:

The approval of a petition does not guarantee that you will be issued a visa. Do not make final travel plans or buy tickets until you have a visa.

If a petition has been filed on your behalf with USCIS, you check the status of your application online at www.uscis.gov by entering the petition receipt number into the Case Status box on the left-hand side of the page. Your employer should be able to provide you with the receipt number of the petition.

If you have ever been arrested, charged, or convicted, have a medical ineligibility, have engaged in paramilitary activities, or have been denied entry into or deported from the United States you are required to furnish documents relating to your situation at the time of your view interview. Not doing so will delay your visa processing. Concealing these situations may result in permanent ineligibilities for this and future visas to the United States.



Important Security Announcement

Electronic devices, large bags, weapons, and glass bottles are not allowed within the Embassy grounds. Visitors who do not follow these instructions will experience considerable delays at the security check point, which may result in the appointment being cancelled. There are no storage facilities on the facility.